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and with the mean of the preceding five years. The figures are for the presidency:

Causes of death, Bombay Presidency, 1897-1902.

Causes.	Mean for 5 years, 1897 to 1901.		1901.		1902.	
	Number of deaths.	Ratio per 1,000.	Number of deaths.	Ratio per 1,000.	Number of deaths.	Ratio per 1,000.
Cholera	49,509	2.64	13,600	0.74	3,229	0.17
Smallpox	4,568	.24	5,340	.29	2,189	.12
Plague	78,237	4.17	128,259	6.94	184,752	10.00
Fevers	337,137	17.98	291,951	15.80	270,845	14.66
Dysentery and diarrhea	99,186	5.29	60,198	3.26	58,682	3.17
Respiratory diseases					59,379	3.21
Injuries	7,262	.39	7,092	.38	7,434	.40
Other causes	219,286	11.69	179,694	9.72	134,952	7.30
Total	795,185	42.40	686,134	37.12	721,462	39.04

In the years previous to 1902 deaths from respiratory diseases were classified under other causes. A detailed study of the various causes of death as above reported is being prepared for transmission.

Report from Calcutta—Cholera and plague mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, July 14, as follows:

During the week ended July 9, 1904, there were 18 deaths from plague and 9 deaths from cholera in Calcutta.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Cholera in Persia.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, July 25, as follows: During the week ended July 23, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large bag- gage in- spected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disin- fected.	Number of steerage passengers recom- mended for rejection.
July 18	Giulia	New York	206	25	250	5
20	Italia	do	154	45	450	3
21	Sardegna	do	251	60	600	10
22	Konigin Luise	do	263	75	455	15
23	Manuel Calvo	do	115	15	155	4

PALERMO.

July 20	Giulia	New York	34	40	4
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Asiatic cholera in Persia.

A telegraphic dispatch from Baleu, coming through Russian channels, states that the Asiatic cholera in Teheran is now confined to two quarters of the city. The number of victims is lessening from day to